

LPL Board of Library Trustees

Meeting minutes

04/11/13

Attending: Arthur Turley, Rick Speer, John Painter, Philip Isaacson, Judy Head, Jennifer Gendron Carleton, Anne Kemper, Ted Walworth

Absent:, Margaret Craven, ZamZam Mohamud

Guest: YPLAA guests Jeff Carleton, Ashlee Vandiver

Meeting called to order at 5:35pm

Jake Paris adult services update:

Adult literacy book section well used and expanding; weeding reference section.

Reference materials transforming, less print materials due to advance of electronic.

Americorps position (to run next year's Homework Help program) approved by Goodwill.

Ongoing training with e-readers. Visiting attorney project coming to LPL in May. Art asks about joint digital collections with Auburn, Jake describes shared materials which includes books, music, manuals such as Chiltons, etc. Judy asks about why adult use is down 9% while acquisitions is down 37%, Jake suggests the ways people read is changing e.g. people may be downloading books at home versus coming into the library, Rick also agrees discussing more of the data of digital usage growing very rapid.

Phil moves to accept minutes as read. Seconded, and with no discussion approved.

Anne provides Friends of the Library update, that the annual meeting "was really great". Anthony Shostak from the Bates College Museum of Art offered to provide tours to Friends, and then updates guests on the role of Friends.

Library Directors report

Rick reports working with Lewiston School Dept on Literacy Games Day for Sat May 11 which is open to the community but is somewhat focused on local immigrant population. Rick reports that R. M. Davis agreed to a five year freeze on Library endowment management costs. Due to ongoing fiscal changes in state and city, the next LPL budget will be reduced by \$18,000 which will mostly come from energy savings, debt retirement and some personnel changes. Rick suggests we reemphasize the need for new LPL banners, which were not approved in the new budget. Rick mentions video surveillance cameras (children's library) have been installed and will be fully functional next week. Rick also reports that the Friends furniture order for the Library may not be rectified due to the company the order had been placed with having gone out of business.

Anne asks about whether the earlier discussion around adult library use could be related to reduction in new book acquisitions, Rick was uncertain but thought it could impact to some extent. Judy, Rick, Art and Jennifer discuss the role of libraries (community centeresque) and with the movement to digital books by younger people

and continued use of paper books by many this is an area needing discussion and further development of what libraries do and how.

Rick discusses World Book Night on April 23 as a very important night as a broad-based approach to spreading the enjoyment of books and reading, Rick hopes to have 100 people in attendance.

Move to accept the Directors report. Voted. Accepted

Motion to take recommendation of budget to city council.

Monthly APL report by Ted. Some minor disturbance from youth. There is no longer parking in the dirt parking area across from APL. They continue interviews for new Director for library.

Discussion of agenda for joint library board meeting on May 15th. Art discussing synchronizing policy as a focus. Rick informs there are some shared policies and data base for example for patrons with large unpaid fees. There should be some discussion of what if the cities ever needed to merge due to severe state funding changes, Rick does not believe at this time there will be as severe cuts as formerly thought, but it is a possibility so discussion of "what if" and pro/con of merging could be helpful to be prepared. Art discusses the change with some municipalities having joint library cards and the state library card system which is free and can be used in many municipalities.

Question by guest of breakdown of eBooks versus hard copy that the LPL purchases, Rick explains that he library has pretty good method of tracking the types of books readers want in paper and electronic and follows that method so it is not buying one eBook for every paper book, etc, but rather deciding by format and demand.

Old business

Parking issues continue as the City Council considers budget and the city needs.

6:41pm Jennifer moves to adjourn. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

John Painter, Secretary